

Seasonal Sampler Mini Quilt Pattern

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This lovely mini quilt measures 14 3/4 inches x 11 1/4 inches when it is finished and represents the four seasons of the year. Combining patchwork, EPP, appliqué and embroidery, it is fun to make and conjures up dreams of nature throughout the year. There are video instalments on my Youtube channel to show how to make it in more detail.

Tool Kit and Supplies

Basic Sewing Kit - scissors, needles, thread etc

- Sharp needle for EPP and appliqué
- Fine thread for EPP and appliqué
- Embroidery needle
- A variety of embroidery threads in your chosen colours
- Sewing machine for piecing the background fabric together
- Sewline glue pen for EPP
- Water erasable fabric pen

I use Hexiform for the EPP and appliqué elements of the quilt which I talk about in my Youtube videos. If you don't want to use Hexiform you can use paper templates instead but hexiform makes it easier and is lovely to use so I really recommend it.

- 1 hexiform sheet from www.ashmeaddesigns.com
- 25 x 1/2 inch hexagon hexiform shapes from www.ashmeaddesigns.com
- 6 x 1/2 inch jewel hexiform shapes from www.ashmeaddesigns.com
- 4 x 3/4 inch jewel hexiform shapes from www.ashmeaddesigns.com
- 1 x 1 inch diamond hexiform shape from www.ashmeaddesigns.com

Fabric Requirements

The mini quilt is made up of 7 blocks (see diagram below for the numbered blocks.)

Here are the measurements of each of the blocks, you will need 7 different fabrics for each one, I used a mixed of linen, cotton and low volume quilting cottons.

Block 1 - 3 3/4 inches x 6 3/4 inches

Block 2 - 5 inches x 6 3/4 inches

Block 3 - 4 1/2 inches x 4 3/4 inches

Block 4 - 4 1/4 inches x 4 3/4 inches

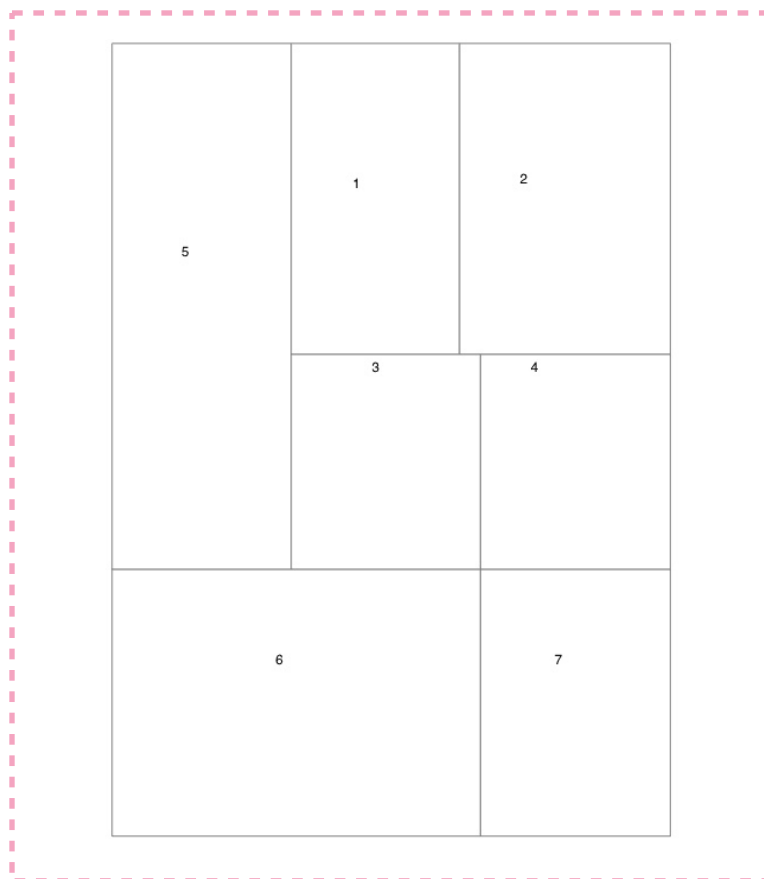
Block 5 - 4 inches x 11 1/2 inches

Block 6 - 7 3/4 inches x 5 inches

Block 7 - 4 1/2 inches x 5 inches

You will need approx 16 inches x 13 inches of wadding and backing fabric.

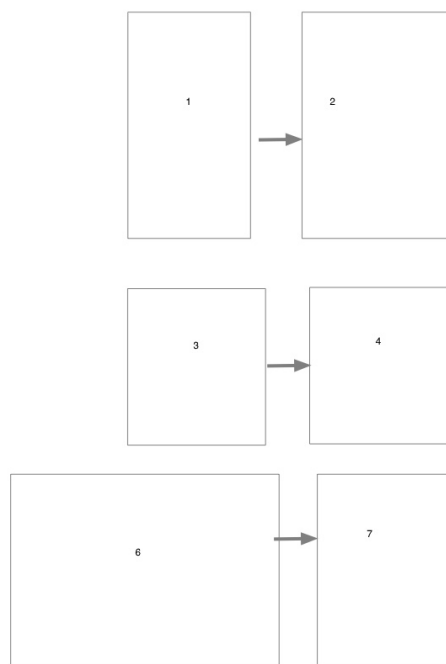
Fabric scraps for the rest of your EPP and appliqué motifs.



Joining the Blocks

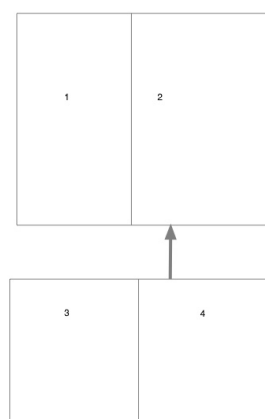
Use a 1/4 inch seam allowance throughout.

- Join block 1 to block 2 to make unit A
- Join block 3 to block 4 to make unit B



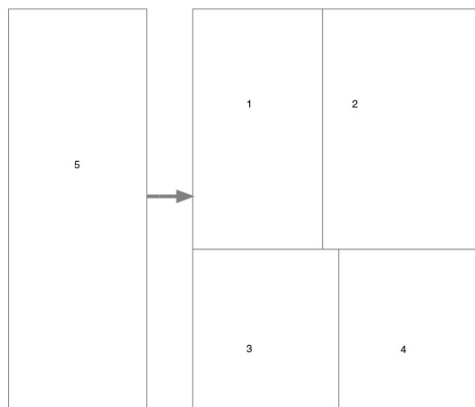
Use a 1/4 inch seam allowance throughout.

- Join unit A to unit B to make unit D



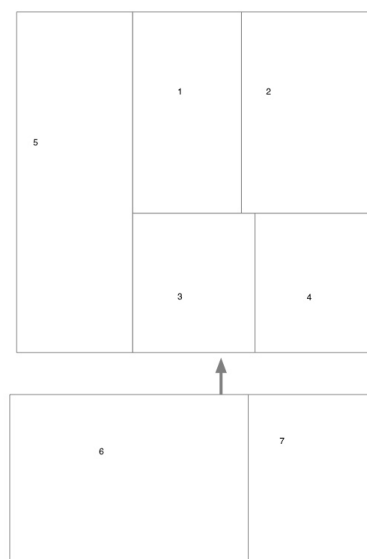
Use a 1/4 inch seam allowance throughout.

- Join block 5 to unit D to make unit E



Use a 1/4 inch seam allowance throughout.

- Join unit C to unit E



Spring

This block is nice and straight forward. You need 25 half inch hexagons.

- Prepare your hexagons by either glue or thread basting your fabric around them. See my Youtube video about glue basting for more detail. You will need four in a solid fabric, and the rest in patterned/florals.
- Using a whip stitch, sew your first 7 hexagons into a flower, with a solid hexagon in the centre
- Next add three more hexagons underneath, the second of which should be a solid fabric hexagon.
- Add three more hexagons underneath in patterned fabric. Use the photo as a guide.
- Continue in this way, alternating between rows of two patterned hexagons and a solid hexagon, and a row of three patterned hexagons until you reach your final row.
- Add a lazy daisy and French knot flower into the centres of the solid hexagons. See my Youtube videos for a full tutorial.

Note: I used hexiform shapes instead of paper. You can embroider straight into hexiform. If you are using paper, you will need to remove the papers, press the piece, then do the embroidery, or you could do the embroidery after appliquéing the piece to the backing fabric.

- Position your hexagon piece in the centre of block 5 (the long block on the top left) Pin in place and use an appliqué stitch to secure it. See my Youtube video "part 2 of the seasonal sampler" for more details.



Summer -Jewel Flower



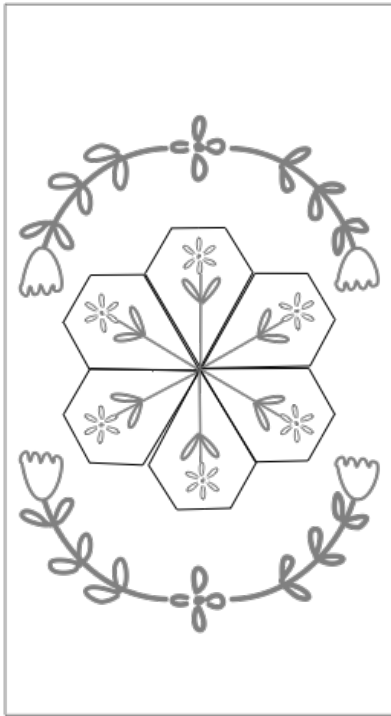
To create your butterfly for block 2 of the quilt, you will need 4 x 3/4" jewels and 1 x 1" diamond. After basting your shapes, whip stitch the jewels together in pairs for wings. Appliqué them to the backing fabric and appliqué the diamond on top. Watch my Youtube video "English Paper Piecing - Butterflies" to learn all about how to make the butterfly in more detail. Add lazy daisy and French knot flowers to the body, stain stitch and French



knot flowers to the wings, along with back stitch stems. I added a running stitch around the edge when quilting and also for the antenna, along with French knots. Add some lazy daisy flowers to the corners of the block and use lazy daisy stitches for the leaves too.

Summer -Jewel Flower

After basting your 1/2" jewels, sew them together the make a jewel flower as seen below. Appliqué to the centre of the backing fabric in block 1. Embroider the flowers on each jewel and the arching floral motifs above and below the flower. See the video "part 3 of the Seasonal Sample" on my Youtube channel for more details.



Autumn

Print the templates and cut out the shapes. Baste your shapes. Appliqué the branch onto block 3 and add the leaves and embroidered details. Whip stitch both halves of the acorns together and appliqué them onto block 4. Appliqué the toadstools along the bottom edge of both blocks. See the video "part 4 of the seasonal sampler" on my Youtube channel for more detail.

Winter

Print the templates and cut out the shapes. Baste your shapes. Whip stitch both halves of the mountains together and appliqué them onto block 6. Whip stitch the star pieces together and appliqué them onto block 6 in the sky. Embroidery some trees using back stitch. Whip stitch the house to the roof and add the roof edging. Appliqué the windows and door and add embroidered details. Appliqué the house onto block 7 and embroider some stars and a moon. See the video "part 5 of the seasonal sampler" on my Youtube channel for more detail.

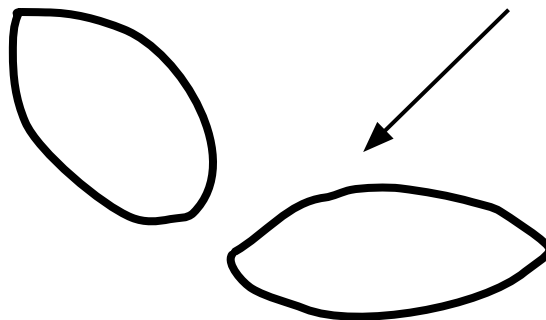
French knot berries and
back stitch branches



Stem stitch

Applique templates -
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exactly from hexiform.
Make sure you add 1/4
inch seam allowance
when you cut your
fabric.

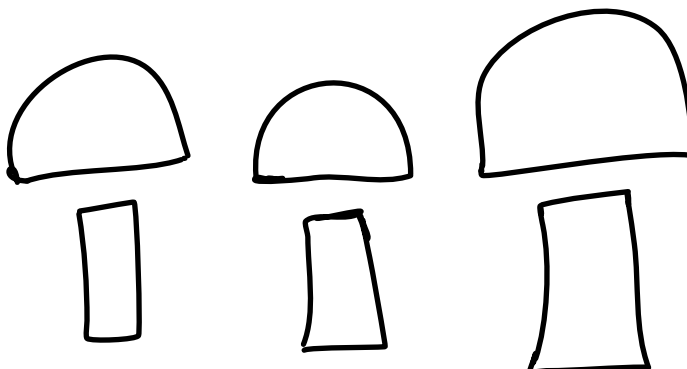
Leaves



Branch



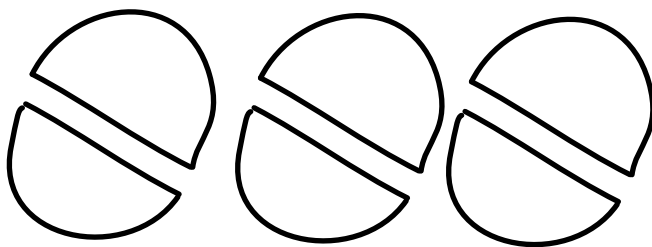
Mushrooms from left to
right



Back stitch for thr veins
and chain stitch for the
outline



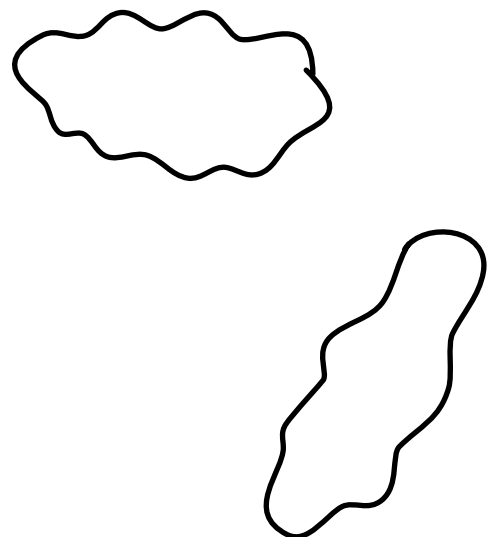
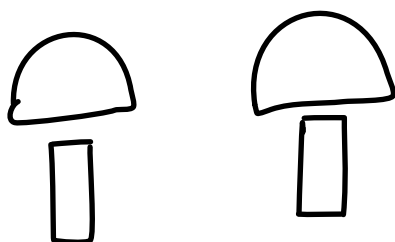
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Acorns

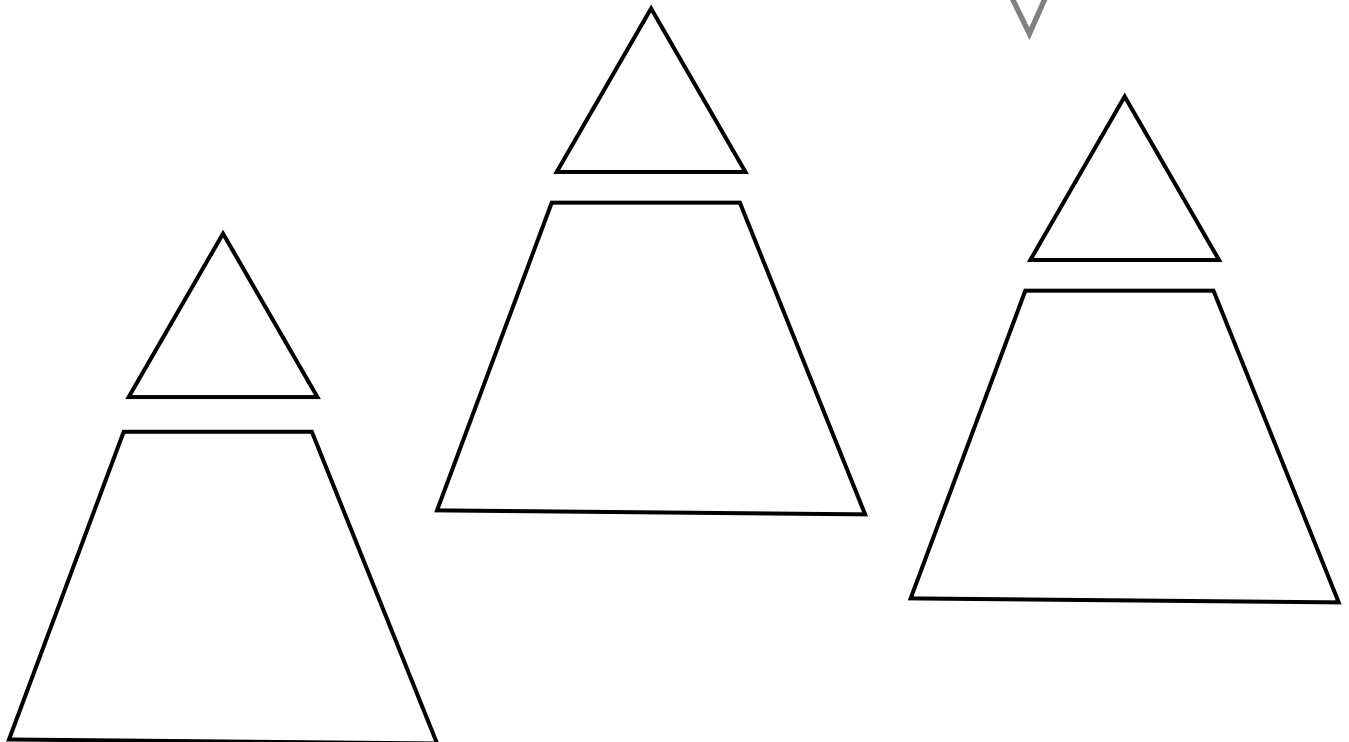
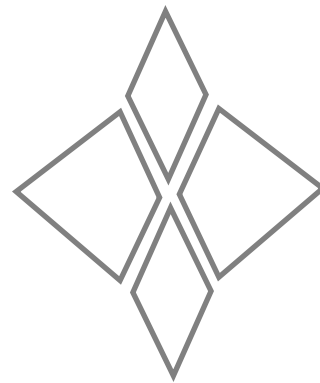
Oak Leaves - cut to this
exact size for raw edge
applique

Mushrooms from left to
right





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